

THE SESSION SHORT.

LAST NIGHT'S MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OVER AT 10.

The issue of New Bonds Directed—Electric-Light Contracts—Pay of Assessors—Advertise Richmond.

The first business considered at the meeting of the Common Council held last night was the report of the Street Committee. Among the recommendations contained therein were the following:

Granting the petition of the Chamber of Commerce, published in Sunday's Dispatch, for the right in erecting their new building at the southwest corner of Main and Ninth streets to use the few feet of space on the Ninth-street side now occupied by the State-building steps and the three feet which this building encroaches on the alley in the rear.

Running an alley twelve feet wide from Main southwardly through Warehouse street, consideration of certain land to be donated to the city by A. J. Fessenden.

Repeating the petition of E. J. Bissell and others for privilege to run a street railway down Brook avenue, etc.

Mr. Stratton explained that the committee recommended the rejection of the petition of the Chamber of Commerce, being put in their hands. Adopted.

FINANCIAL.
The Finance Committee recommended the following:

Resolution approving the bonds of city officials. Adopted.

Resolution in regard to the pay of the Assessors to succeed all former State Assessors. Messrs. Stokes and Enders \$1,100 each; Messrs. Newell and Hunt together (the former succeeding the latter) \$1,100; George E. Still, \$900; R. T. Daniel, \$800; W. J. Parkinson, \$115, and W. H. Williams, \$185—a total of \$3,000, the amount originally proposed.

Mr. Mann moved to make it \$3,000, the assessors and assistants to divide it to suit themselves.

Mr. Guignon thought that the fact that the Finance Committee had unanimously agreed upon the proposed salary was a recommendation of the Council. He supported the action of the committee at length.

The ayes and noes were taken on Mr. Mann's amendment and resulted ayes, 8; noes, 19—lost.

Mr. H. L. Carter said he would not vote for the resolution until he saw opposite the name of each man the number of days he had worked. He was willing to pay them \$5 per day. The State having paid them \$2 would make \$7—a comfortable amount for tramping around town.

The ayes and noes were called, and the resolution was defeated by a vote of 17 ayes to 10 noes, it requiring twenty votes, two thirds the membership of the Council, to pass.

BONDS TO BE ISSUED.
The resolution authorizing the Finance Committee to issue \$250,000 in bonds, with which to retire the floating debt of the city, was adopted.

Mr. Stratton wanted to know if this amendment would not take the city over its limit, which he understood was about \$200,000.

Mr. Guignon said that there would remain at least \$200,000 margin after issuing these bonds.

CREMATORY.
The Committee on Health presented a resolution for the appropriation of \$8,000 to be used in the erection of a crematory for the disposal of garbage and other refuse gathered in the city. Referred to the Finance Committee.

The same committee asked for an appropriation of \$2,000 to be used in the payment of hands until February 1st next. Adopted under a suspension of the rules.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.
The Committee on Electric Light recommended that the Richmond Railway and Electric Company be given the contract for lighting the streets with 134 arc-lamps of actual 1,200-candle power for one year, beginning February 8, 1891, at the rate of 194 cents per night per lamp, that company being the lowest bidder.

Mr. Grimes moved that the report be recommitted, as he had in his hand a paper, which, if acted upon, might save the city a great deal of money.

Mr. Mann did not think it fair to allow any new bid after the other people had exposed their figures and deposited a forfeit.

The document submitted by Mr. Grimes was a proposition from the National Electric Manufacturing Company, of Eau Claire, Wis., to furnish 400 "normal" 2,000-candle power lamps at the rate of \$60 per year per lamp, plus the cost of the electricity at the end of the term for \$85,000. This would be 161 cents per light of 2,000-candle power as against 194 per 1,200 candle power, as in the contract recommended.

The motion to recommit was lost, and the original resolution adopted.

The Council considered the ordinance passed by the Board at its last meeting instructing the Auditor to place annually \$300 to the credit of the sinking fund.

CONDUCTORS WANTED.
Mr. Brauer introduced a resolution inquiring by what right the Union Passenger railway ran cars on any part of the line without conductors. Referred to the Street Committee.

A resolution introduced by Mr. Ferri placing \$300 to the credit of the expense account of the Second market was adopted under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Garber submitted a resolution that the Board be directed to inquire into the expediency of enlarging the Nicholson-street school. Adopted.

JOINT SESSION.
Mr. Glover offered a resolution that for the balance of their term the Light and Electric-Light Committees sit in joint session. Referred to the committees concerned.

The Council submitted a resolution appropriating \$200 for the "Sheltering Arms" Hospital. Referred to the Finance Committee.

DISTRIBUTE THE GUIDE.
Mr. Stratton offered the following:

It is resolved by the Council of the City of Richmond (the Board of Aldermen concurring), That the Committee on Accounts and Printing be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to purchase 1,000 copies of W. D. Chesterton's Guide to the City as a means of advertising the said city; and the Auditor is hereby directed to place to the credit of said committee the sum of \$100, the Finance Committee is hereby directed to provide said funds.

WORK TO BE DONE.
In this connection Mr. Stratton said:

Mr. President, I offer this resolution because I believe its adoption will contribute to the prosperity of our city. I take occasion here to say that the people have ever been more alive to the city's interest or desired more to contribute to its material advancement than has this Council. I believe that the record of the past will fully justify this statement.

Much has been said about our people investing in other places and booming with their means other cities and towns. About this I have nothing to say. The actions of our people are not to be judged by their judgment, and it is not proper that such actions should be subjected to comment or criticism from me. But I desire to state that the Richmond possesses advantages and offers inducements to the investor of capital, guaranteeing to the investor profitable returns, ample security, and permanent security of investment.

Twenty-five years ago Richmond lost

one third of her property in a single night. Her people returning from the faithful discharge of duty, found their homes desolated homes. Grass grew in the untrodden streets of their once beautiful city, and her thoroughfares were blocked with the debris of once noble structures. War-torn and desolate, she stood in the gloom of a desolation that seemed to give hope of a coming day of prosperity, but so great was the indomitable pluck and perseverance of the people that, with a currency, which, with a few exceptions, they proceeded to build again their ruined homes.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL'S TRIBUTE.
Resolutions Adopted Lamenting the Death of Mr. Henry K. Ellison.

The Sunday school of the Second Baptist church had an unusually full attendance at its regular service yesterday, but both the teachers and scholars were a troubled lot. There were unmistakable evidences of sadness on all hands and of deep grief at the death of Mr. Ellison, who had been superintendent for forty-three consecutive years. After the lesson was through with, a short while before dismissal, Mr. James Leigh Jones, chairman of the committee appointed last Friday night to prepare suitable resolutions regarding Mr. Ellison's death, submitted a report, and after feeling and appropriate remarks by Messrs. J. B. Wood and E. J. Bissell, the resolutions were unanimously adopted. The reading of the report brought tears to the eyes of many persons.

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THE FORCE BILL.

TO BE TAKEN UP TO-DAY IN THE SENATE.

It is, Moreover, to Be Kept Before the Body Named Until Acted Upon—Reapportionment.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 1.—The Republican senators were this afternoon in caucus for an hour and a half engaged in the consideration of an order of business. The main topic of discussion was the national election bill. The friends of this measure recalled to their fellow-senators the implied pledge given at the caucus last session that the bill, if allowed to go over until the reassembling of Congress, would be taken up and pressed to a final vote without the intervention of other business. They urged the adoption of this measure, and after feeling and appropriate remarks by Messrs. J. B. Wood and E. J. Bissell, the resolutions were unanimously adopted. The reading of the report brought tears to the eyes of many persons.

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